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Commissioner for Patents
Attention Examiner Chi Nguyen, GAU3635
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application Serial No. 09/508,129
Attorney Docket No. PAT121USA

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

My office has been waiting for an action from the USPTO based on our *written* Status Inquiry filed on 4-13-07 and a *telephone* Status Inquiry made on 4-13-06. Please let me know if an action will be sent or if you have any comments or questions. I would also appreciate it if you believe that a Petition is required to revive this case.

As you may recall, this case was held abandoned based on applicant's failure to reply to an office action allegedly mailed on 5-20-05. As was asserted in the two Status Inquiries, applicant did not receive any such office action. And, both the USPTO PAIR Image File and Transaction History indicate that no office action was mailed on or about 5-20-05.

Enclosed for your consideration is the following explanatory information:

Attachment No. 1 – Status of this case on USPTO website dated 3/5/2010 showing this case as abandoned for failure to respond to an office action;

Attachment No. 2 – Image File Wrapper from USPTO website dated 3/5/10;

Attachment No. 3 – Transaction History from USPTO website dated 3/5/10;

Attachment No. 4 – Status Inquiry mailed to USPTO on 4/13/07;

Attachment No. 5 – Notes in file from telephone conversation with Examiner Nguyen on 4/13/06;

Attachment No. 6 – Notice of Abandonment for failure to reply to Office Action of 5/20/05 dated 3/2/06; and

Attachment No. 7 – Response to Notice of 12/29/04 faxed to Examiner Chi Nguyen on 1/6/05.

In the telephone Status Inquiry, Jessica Raska of our office was told that the Examiner would look into the matter and call us back.

To date, this case is still showing a status of abandoned (Attachment No. 1). Again, I would appreciate it if you could please give me a call as soon as possible to discuss the status of this case.

Respectfully,

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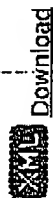
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Examiner Name: NGUYEN, CHI Q

Group Art Unit: 3635

Confirmation Number: 6771

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12-29-2004	Mail Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment
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10-20-2004	Mail Notice of Rescinded Abandonment
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above identified Application.

Applicant's attorney's office communicated by telephone with the examiner in charge about the status of this application on 4/13/06, one year ago. No response has been received. The examiner was informed that the office action mailed on 20 May 2005 was not received by applicant.

Applicant requests that the USPTO staff inform (via mail, FAX, email, or telephone contact) applicant's attorney at its earliest convenience, whether the application has been assigned to an examiner, is in order for examination, and/or when an initial or the next Office Action can be expected. Applicant's attorney authorizes the USPTO staff to communicate with any staff member of Skinner and Associates either directly on the telephone or via voice mail.

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Name

Signature

Joel Skinner
Joel Skinner

Should the examiner or USPTO staff have any comments or questions about this application, they are invited to contact applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: 4-13-07

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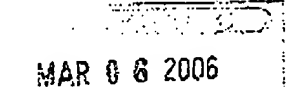
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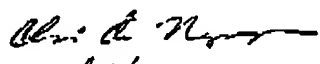
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	09/508,129	JERNSTROM, ROLF	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Chi Q. Nguyen	3635	

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This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 20 May 2005.
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 - ☒ No reply has been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
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about halfway down. Please let us know if you
need anything further in order to comply w/ the notice
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Attention: Examiner Carl Friedman

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 08/07/01 (Paper No. 8), please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph at lines 7-16:

As stated above, the construction of the post may, in practice, vary very greatly. One example of a construction may have a single plastic layer reinforced by a suitable laminating method and placed on top of a suitable inner layer 3, so that the wiring harness, suitably protected by the outer layer, lies in the

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interface of the two layers. The inner layer can be made from almost any material, for example, cellular plastic, as it is mainly intended as a base for the formation of the outer layer. Naturally, the inner layer may even be a metal tube. Any reinforcement known to the art, such as glass or other fibres, fabric, netting or similar can be added to the layers to reinforce them. As stated above, there may be several layers, when their materials and manners of manufacture may vary according to the prevailing requirements.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend existing claim 3 with replacement claim as follows:

3. A post according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one lead ends are connected to one or more connectors, at least in a lower section of the post.

ATTACHMENT:

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Claims and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

REMARKS

This reply is submitted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §132 and 37 C.F.R. §1.111. The Office Action was carefully considered by the undersigned attorney and applicant. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

1. Summary of the Office Action.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-9 were pending.

Claim 3 stands objected to.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) over Ventura-Berti ('594) in view of Savoca ('160).

2. Discussion.

Claim 1. Independent Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ventura-Berti (USP 5339594) in view of Savoca (USP 5335160). Claim 1 as once amended requires that a post have, *inter alia*, an electrically conductive lead which is integrally formed with and connected to a tube. Neither Ventura-Berti nor Savoca show this structure. Ventura-Berti does not show any conductive lead. Savoca shows a conductive lead but it is disposed in the hollow core of the post. Nowhere in the applied prior art is the conductive lead shown integrally disposed in the tube structure of a post. The examiner stated that it would be obvious "to combine Ventura-Berti and Savoca". Applicant respectfully disagrees because the advantages (for example, simplicity of assembly) provided by applicant's invention would have been apparent to Ventura - Berti and used by him, but for the unobviousness of applicant's structure. However, regardless of whether the combination of references *per se* is obvious or not, such combination would still fall short of meeting the claimed invention. The conductive lead must be integrally formed with the tube. Claim 1 as once amended is believed to be patentable and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Applicant wishes to clarify that he does not disclose or claim a "lead" (wire structure) constructed of lead (the element (Pb) or material).

3. Conclusion.

The claims pending after this amendment are believed to be patentable for the reasons stated above. The amendments are believed to be supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed. It is believed that this case is now in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that telephone communication would advance the prosecution of this case to finality, he is invited to call at the number below.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), provided a Petition is not submitted separately.

Please charge any fee due not paid by a check provided herewith, and/or charge any underpayment in any fee, and/or credit any overpayment in fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-2381.

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